

THE ST. JOHNS REVIEW

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A Portland paper tells of a man receiving, eating and enjoying a piece of wedding cake made 63 years ago. Most people would prefer cake of a later date, but it is purely a matter of taste, anyway.

It seems to be high time that the matter of telephone rates in St. Johns be enforced according to the provisions of the company's franchise with the city. According to the franchise the company is permitted to charge no more for service than it was charging when the franchise was granted. Residence phones at that time were charged for at the rate of \$1.50 per month; now it is \$2.25. It is also understood that the price of business phones have also been materially increased since that time. The city authorities should take the matter in hand and force the company to stick to its agreement, and it also should be made to refund the excess charges it has made. Why not?

The St. Johns Water Company has been experiencing some difficulty in keeping the water of the heavy rains away from their pumping station. There seems to be no proper method of taking care of the rain water that sweeps down over the hill, so that it may be diverted away from the pumping station. This is a matter that should receive the earliest and most earnest consideration of the city authorities. And it is up to the city and not to the water company to see that the excess water is properly taken care of. St. Johns certainly does not want such an epidemic as Centralia has been experiencing, but unless proper precautions are taken that danger may become imminent. This is a matter that may not be idly or carelessly passed by. The company has appealed for relief. Why not give it, and go about it without delay? The health of a community cannot be trifled with, and it should be remembered that in case of polluted water from this source the blame will rest altogether with the city.

If the town has a lot of vacant stores, idle factories, mills running on half time there can be no substantial value to property. Therefore, to keep the stores rented, the dwellings occupied and a general good tone to property values it is necessary that you give to your home people your entire support. Patronizing out of town houses is not altogether limited to poor people or to farmers or to people who do not know the hurt they are doing the home town, but it is a common practice among certain well known, well to do men. I believe this is more the result of thoughtlessness and of being misled by embellished and highly exaggerated descriptions than through a spirit of antagonism to the home merchant. Moreover, I firmly believe that when you think over this matter seriously and carefully, analyzing it in every detail, hereafter you will give your home merchant your trade. — Modesto (Cal.) Evening News.

Governor West is certainly making a name for Oregon that is far from desirable. When the report is widespread abroad that Portland was so rotten that the Governor had to interfere, that he had to interfere in several other places in the state, and finally declare martial law in Copperfield, people will just naturally tumble all over themselves to get to this state of turbulence and lawless disorder. It will likely take Oregon a number of years to recover from the effects of the governor's officious acts. Whether or not his latest drastic action was justifiable or not cannot be determined until all the facts have been made bare. To the ordinary mortal, however, it did not seem necessary to send a woman under armed guard to Copperfield, when it was clearly a man's job. It looked like an imposition upon the young lady, one from which she naturally shrank, but to please the Governor she accepted the mission. If a governor has the power to dictate who shall conduct municipal affairs in the various cities, his powers are much greater than has heretofore been imagined. The outcome of the situation will be watched with great interest, but all the same one cannot help but deplore the unsavory advertising this state is getting through the governor's actions.

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THE LIBRARY

Interesting Notes for the Library Patrons

Library hours:
Afternoon—12 to 5:30.
Evening—7 to 9.
Sunday—2:30 to 5:30 for reading only.

Monday evening, Dr. C. F. Hodge, of the University of Oregon gave an illustrated lecture in the auditorium on the subject, "Lessons in Bird Protection." Dr. Hodge spoke of the great value of birds as destroyers of insect pests and then by means of the pictures, which were mostly taken about his own home, showed how easily one may win the friendship and confidence of the birds and make them feel at home in our own door yards.

The room was filled to overflowing and a few late-comers were obliged to content themselves with reading in the main room.

The boy who can do the right thing at the right time and do it both quietly and well is always a nice sort of person to have about. It was a satisfaction to find him present at the library lecture, Monday evening. Dr. Hodge had come with the expectation of being obliged to run his own picture machine, while he talked, but John O'Neil took it in charge so handily that no one could tell it had not all been previously arranged. Dr. Hodge could not say enough in praise of John's efficiency and helpfulness.

The Boy Scouts, organizing under the leadership of H. Reder, have held three meetings in the auditorium with an attendance varying from 25 to 38.

At the request of a St. Johns business man, the use of the auditorium has been granted for an election booth for precinct 56, of Multnomah county and ward number 1, of St. Johns.

New charge copies:
Beach—Iron Trail.
Burnett—T. Tembarom.
White—Gold.

The first two of the above books were reviewed at the time the first copies were received for the regular shelves. The third is the latest book, by the author of the "Blazed Trail." "Gold" is a vivid, colorful picture of the isthmus of Panama in the height of the feverish rush to the west for gold. Monomaniacs for the time being, the thousands who swarmed there were unused to tropical life, dying, many of them, of a slow fever, ignorant of the hardships ahead of them in a virgin country, quick to fight and ready alternately to be buoyed up to the heavens of hope or crushed to the lowest abyss of despair. Among these were Talbot Ward, a Mexican war veteran, Johnny Fairfax, a Virginian lad, Yank, a Michigan pioneer and the narrator of the story. Their adventures with the Indians and as prospectors are followed by the reader with many a catch of breath.

A line of typewriter ribbons, both narrow and wide, has just been received at the Review office; 50c each. Also carbon paper at two sheets for five cents.

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The Little Girl

Little girl, you look so small, Don't you wear no clothes at all? Don't you wear a shimmy-shirt? Don't you wear a petty-skirt? Just your corset and your hose—Are those all your under clothes? Little girl, when on the street You appear to be all feet; With your dress so very tight You surely are an awful sight; Nothing on to keep you warm, Crazy just to show your form. Little girl, you won't live long, Just because you dress all wrong. Can't you wear more underclothes Than just your corset and your hose?

After awhile, I do believe, You will dress like Mother Eve."

AN ANSWER.

Mr. Critic, have a care We sport lots of underwear. We wear shimmy-shirts and tights.

Petty-skirts and other whites, Half a dozen, more or less 'Twix our corset and our dress. Our petty-skirts must be quite snug.

And short (to do a Bunny-hug) They protect and keep us warm, Tho' they do disclose the form And accentuate the fit. When the breezes blow a bit, Nor do I think our death we'll meet.

Because we chance to show our feet.

We wear enough to meet our needs, (The red man wore a smile and beads)

To prove that we wear lots of clothes Pray, question anyone who knows.

"The Little Girl."

—Daily Spirit, Clearfield, Pa.

A New Year's Surprise

On New Year's eve, just before the watch night services were to begin, and after the pastor, Rev. Ingalls, had gone to the church for the service, there was a ring at the parsonage door bell, and upon the summons being answered, there was found a large company of people waiting for admission, and when all were admitted, the house was pretty well filled, but upon inquiry it was found the pastor was at the church, so a messenger was dispatched for him to come to the parsonage at once, as his presence was desired there, and the reverend gentleman, thinking that perhaps some one wished to get married, and as it lacked but a few minutes of being time for the services to begin at the church, came with all haste, but upon arrival at the parsonage and seeing no one he thought to be candidates for matrimony, asked the meaning of such an assembly, and what it meant. Whereupon Mrs. Sarah A. Kemp, acting as spokesman for the company, in a few well chosen words explained the purpose of their presence, and on behalf of the people and in token of their love and esteem presented the minister and his wife a purse of fifteen dollars in money. Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls both responded with expressions of appreciation, not so much for the money received, but for the spirit and motives which had prompted its giving.

The meeting at the parsonage broke up and all repaired to the church to enter upon the watch night services, an account of which appears in another column of this paper.

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PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT BONDS

City of St. Johns, Ore.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned at his office in the city of St. Johns, Oregon, until six P. M. on the twentieth day of January, 1914, for the sale of the whole or any part of bonds of the city of St. Johns issued under Ordinance No. 578 at not less than par and accrued interest. Said bonds to be dated as follows:

\$390.42, November 8, 1913.
\$3427.86, November 15, 1913.
\$5295.66, December 12, 1913.
Amounting in all to \$9413.94. All of said bonds are issued in denominations of Five Hundred Dollars or less and all of the said bonds are payable ten years after date of said bonds. All of said bonds are coupon bonds bearing interest at the rate of six per cent payable semi-annually subject to all the conditions imposed, directed, and stipulated by section 131 of the charter of the city of St. Johns.

The right is reserved to redeem any and all bonds at any interest paying period at or after one year after date.

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for two per cent of the amount of the bid, and the said check shall be payable to the city of St. Johns, and the said check shall be retained by the city of St. Johns as damages in case the bidder to whom the bonds are awarded fails to accept and pay for the same within fifteen days after the acceptance of the bid. The money is to be paid and the bonds are to be delivered at St. Johns, Multnomah County, Oregon.

The right is reserved by the council to reject any and all bids.

F. A. RICE,

Recorder.

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County Business

Brief synopsis of business transacted by the county commissioners during the past week: H. A. Lewis of the Russellville Nurseries petitioned the Board for the graving of a narrow road running from the Base Line road up to the Mount Hood Railway. The Commissioners referred the matter to the Roadmaster for his attention.

W. B. Steele of Gresham petitioned the Board for the improvement of half a mile of road located near his place in the Section Line road, and the matter has been referred to the Roadmaster for investigation.

The bid of S. P. White and Company of Vancouver, Wash., for the boring of a tunnel at Oneonta Gorge on the Columbia River Highway has been accepted by the Board upon the recommendation of the consulting engineer on roads and highway; that company being the lowest bidder.

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Notice of Cost of Improvement

Notice is hereby given that the assessment for the improvement of Crawford street from Burlington to Pittsburg street the total cost of which is \$2537.32 was declared by Ordinance No. 577, entitled "An ordinance declaring the cost of improving Crawford street from the northerly line of Burlington street to the southerly line of Pittsburg street, in the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of city liens."

The cost of said improvement is levied upon all the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land within the boundaries of the district, as follows: Between the northerly line of Burlington street and the southerly line of Pittsburg street. A statement of said assessment has been entered in the docket of city liens December 31, 1913, and said assessment is now due and payable at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, and will be delinquent and bear interest after January 10, 1914, and if not paid on or before January 30, 1914, proceedings will be taken for the collection of the same by sale of property as provided by the city charter.

F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

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NOTICE OF Proposed Assessment

Notice is hereby given that apportionment of the cost of improvement of Central ave., from the westerly line of Buchanan street to the easterly line of John street, total cost of which is \$5449.56 has been apportioned and is on file in the office of the undersigned, subject to examination.

Assessment district extends back to the center of lots, blocks or tracts of land abutting on said street as provided by the city charter and resolutions.

Remonstrance against said apportionment may be made in writing and filed with the undersigned until 5 o'clock P. M. Jan. 19, 1914.

F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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Sirloin " ".....17½c	" Spare Ribs.....12½c
T-Bone " ".....17½c	" Neck " ".....4 lb. for 25c
Boiling " ".....10c & 12½c	" Sausage.....15c
Pot Roast " ".....12½c & 15c	Hamburger Steak.....15c
Prime Rib " ".....15c	Hams (Sugar Cured).....18c
Mutton Leg.....12½ & 15c	Picnic Hams.....15c
Mutton Shoulder.....11c	Bacon to Cook.....12½c
" Chops.....12½c	Bacon (Sugar Cured).....18 to 25c
" Stew.....8c	3 lb. Pail Pure Lard.....40c
Lamb Legs.....15c	5 lb. " " ".....65c
" Chops.....15c	10 lb. " " ".....\$1.25
" Stew.....10c	5 lb. Compound.....55c
Pork Chops.....17½ & 20c	10 lb. Compound.....\$1.00
" Leg Roast.....17½c	Weinies.....16c
" Shoulder Roast.....15c	Bologna.....12½c
	Liver Sausage.....12½c
	Blood Sausage.....12½c
	Head Cheese.....12½c

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